ports is permitted on a case to case basis after careful consideration of all relevant factors. Institutional mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that selection of the private operator is made after thorough scrutiny of his credentials.

**Prime Minister's talks with Pakistan President**

*34. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had a telephonic conversation with the President of Pakistan and asked him to stop the terrorist activities in India from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the President of Pakistan asked the Prime Minister to intimate the proofs in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) In a telephonic conversation with President Musharraf of Pakistan, who rang PM on 31 October 2005 to express condolences for the victims of the serial bomb blasts in New Delhi on 29 October, PM told the President of Pakistan that the country was outraged at these heinous acts of terrorism. PM again drew President Musharraf's attention to Pakistan's commitment to end cross-border terrorism and said that India continues to be disturbed and dismayed at indications of the external linkages of terrorist groups in regard to the October 29 bombing. PM said India expects Pakistan to act against terrorism directed at India consistent with its commitment that no territory under its control would be used for terrorist activity directed against India.

President Musharraf said the blasts should be investigated and that action would be taken against those responsible.

**Implementation of minimum wages**

*35. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has held recently that 'equal pay for equal work' is not for the daily wage earners; and